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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. §132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Serial No.: 09/214,140  
Filed: April 8, 1999  
Applicant(s): Kazuhiko Amano, et al.  
Group Art Unit: 2633  
Examiner: Dzung D. Tran

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Date: March 31, 2004

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL UNDER 37 CFR §1.114**

MAIL STOP RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114**

- a. ☒ Previously Submitted
- i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §116 previously filed on January 21, 2004  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
- iii. ☐ Other:
- b. ☐ Enclosed
- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS), PTO 1449
- iv. ☐ Other:

2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of 3 months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other:
- c. ☒ Calculation of additional fee for amendment submitted on January 21, 2004.

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Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest # Previously Paid For	# Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims: 15-	20	0	\$18.00	\$
Independent Claims: 5-	3	2	\$86.00	\$172.00
<input type="checkbox"/> 1st Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim			\$290.00	\$
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT				\$172.00

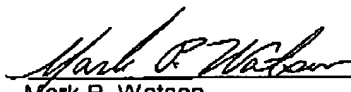
3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No.: 19-2746.
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) \$770.00
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§1.136 and 1.17) (if required) of \$840.00.  
☒ For a 3 month(s) extension of time.  
☒ An extension of time for 1 month(s) has already been secured and paid for; accordingly, the above fee is for an additional 2 month(s) extension of time.
- iii. ☐ Fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) for Suspension of action under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of 3 months \$130.00
- iv. ☐ Additional Fee for Amendment \$\_\_\_\_\_
- v. ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed
- c. ☒ If any additional fees are required in connection with the filing of this RCE or any enclosure, please consider this a request therefore together with authorization to charge Deposit Account No.: 19-2746 for the additional fee(s) due.

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Respectfully submitted,

  
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